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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for managing the storage of files within an HSM system incorporate an architecture and methodology that facilitate the storage and retrieval of large image files as part of an overall image processing workflow. In particular, the system and method may find ready application in a workflow that involves the processing of groups of images associated with particular customers, projects, or transactions, and may act as a storage server for a client application that implements the workflow. The system and method may be useful, for example, in handling the storage of images uploaded from scanned photographic film, or digital

images submitted to a photo-processing shop by amateur or professional photographers. In this case, the client application can be a photo-processing application that could provide for various media formats, sizes, and quantities of image reproductions for a consumer. As another example, the system and method may be useful in handling the storage of medical diagnostic images associated with a particular medical patient or study. In this case, the client application could be a picture archival communication system (PACS) that manages the archival of imagery for viewing by physicians. Further, the system and method may be useful in handling the storage of images associated with particular printing jobs, e.g., for publishers, advertising customers, and the like. In this case, the client application could be a digital prepress workflow application.

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